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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA

1. FONMIN FACIO TOLD CHARGE FEBRUARY 19 THAT GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS APPROACHED HIM ABOUT POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PHASED PROGRAM OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA DURING COSTA RICA'S TENURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNSC IN MARCH. PLAN WOULD BE FOR FACIO TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA AROUND MIDDLE OF MONTH WHERE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE.

2. FONMIN SAID SOUTH AFRICA HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN ENCOURAGED TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION BY RECENT EVIDENCE OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH "RADICAL" BLACK NATIONS. HE WAS TOLD THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING HIS TENURE IN UNSC IN RECOGNITION OF COSTA RICA'S OPPOSITION TO EXPULSION FROM GA.

3. FACIO SAYS HE TOLD SOUTH AFRICA HE IS VERY INTERESTED BUT WANTS TO TAKE SOUNDINGS DURING FORTHCOMING VISITS TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK BEFORE FINAL DECISION. IN ADDITION, HE SAYS HE WILL INSIST ON ADVANCE CLEARANCE OF STATEMENT TO BE RELEASED IN PRETORIA.

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4. IT IS LIKELY THAT FACIO WILL RAISE THIS TOPIC IN
DEPARTMENT NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY.
WHILE HE IS AWARE THIS IS BEING REPORTED, FACIO ASKED
THAT REPORT BE CLOSELY HELD.
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